

REMARKS

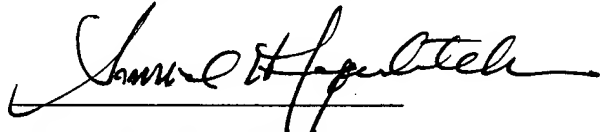
Claims 12,14,17, 19 and 20 were amended to delete the status identifier "Previously Amended," and to add the status identifier "Previously Presented". Therefore, the December 15, 2003 Amendment is compliant.

The undersigned looks forward to hearing favorably from the Examiner at an early date.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Samuel H. Megerditchian", written over a horizontal line.

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